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- 25X1 1. The construction of equipment for processing methane into aircraft gasoline will begin in Yugoslavia in 1950. In this connection, the oil and gasoline (naphtha) refinery in Rijeka is to be reconditioned. Machinery for vacuum distillation was purchased from Italy in December 1949 through the Yugoslav Economic Delegation in Trieste. The plain (common) refining section of the Rijeka refinery was enlarged in February 1950 and is currently in operation. The section for solvent refining, badly damaged during the war, is scheduled to start operations in May 1950.
2. Additional installations for this process will be constructed during 1950 at Goilo, Mramor Brdo, and Lendava. It is planned to put these into operation in 1951.
3. The output of octane gasoline (benzine) at the Rijeka refinery was expected to amount to 100 tons daily as of mid-February 1950, and it is planned during 1950 to bring Yugoslavia to the stage where the country will no longer be dependent upon imports of aircraft gasoline.
4. Reportedly, trucks in Zagreb have had their motors converted from gasoline-driven to methane-driven. The factory in Zagreb which fills steel pipes (sic: cylinders?) with compressed methane now has 700,000 such pipes on hand. One pipe containing methane in the capacity of 80 liters will substitute for 80 liters of gasoline.

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